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Madam Chair and members of the committee

my name is Ramon Rinieri and I am from  
Helena, Montana.

My accident occurred when I was returning  
from taking wedding pictures. I had just  
dropped off all my photo equipment and  
was hit by a drunken driver. He did  
not have insurance, fortunately for me I  
had good insurance that took care of  
all my medical bills.

At the time of the accident I  
had my own business, my own home that  
I was paying for and my own car that  
was almost paid for. I lost all of that.

That was \_\_\_\_ years ago. I have had to go thru many years of rehabilitation to get where I am today.

I and my family were at a loss on where to turn for help. It took a number of years and a lot of help from my parents and from social security in order to pay my bills and learn to live independently and finally get into a small business that in just the last year is beginning to help me pay off my bills myself.

A big problem with brain injured person is they often have short term memory problems,

they forget easily, they get tired easily, and went to sleep a lot. Their coordination is not always good. Thus, we have a hard time finding a job and keeping that job. It takes many years of patience, and finally we become again productive to our community.

With Resource Facilitation Service it becomes much easier for us to know what is available and where it is available to help us out in order to become independent and a productive person to our community.

Thank you ...

Lenn Rani

When I walked up to this podium  
some of you probably thought he doesn't  
look brain injured, he looks normal.  
I am normal, I am intelligent, I  
have a lot of capabilities but because  
of my brain injury, I do have some  
limitations. When they saved my life  
they damaged my vocal cords, thus  
I have difficulty speaking clearly.  
Because of my brain injury I  
am on special medication and I  
need to take it every day.

I can be very productive. Each  
of us brain injured person has different

degree of injuries. However, like  
most of us with a brain injury  
we need understanding and a  
chance to become self supporting.  
That is all we ask for.

Thank You.

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